GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF NAPTHA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rapid increase in the prices of Naphtha and solvents would not give heavy profits to private sector oil companies and importers; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to impose additional excise duties etc. to make the cost and selling prices of Naphtha similar in all the States/Union Territories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Naphtha being a de-controlled product, oil marketing companies fix the selling price of naphtha at import parity level in a manner that the ex-storage selling price to the consumer matches the price that consumer would have to pay if the product was imported.